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Utah Highway Patrol Weekly Report



The DUI mobile command center rolls out the new look at summer DUI checkpoints. It's been called the BAT (Breath Alcohol Testing), mobile drunk tank and now the drunk driver carpool. A DUI checkpoint was held on June 5, 2010 at 6800 South Highland Drive in Cottonwood Heights to remind high school students during these graduation weekends they are still underage to drink alcoholic beverages and summer fun seekers that impaired driving is one of the leading causes of death among young people ages 15-24.

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These are the numbers from the DUI checkpoint on June 5, 2010. We want to thank Sgt. Tingey and Sgt. Irvine for providing this information.

Traffic Stops	Stopped-443 Detained-75 Impounds-5	39	
Violations	Cottonwood Heights PD	UHP	Total
DUI	4	7	11
Alcohol restricted	1	1	2
Driving on Suspension	8	1	9
No Insurance	10	1	11
Lane travel	1	14	15
Speeding	0	5	5
Other Moving violations	7	10	17
Other Non Moving	50	14	64
violations			
Total	81	53	134

Criminal Interdiction











On June 10, 2010, a state trooper stopped a vehicle for lane travel violation on I-80 at milepost 94 in Tooele County. The driver of the vehicle became angry during the encounter. The trooper became suspicious of criminal activity during the traffic stop. The vehicle had a Thule rack on top. When asked what was inside the Thule rack, the driver said a sleeping bag. The trooper conducted a records check on the driver. During the records check, the trooper deployed his K-9. The K-9 gave a positive indication by jumping as you can see in the left picture. The K-9 alerted the trooper of the odor of narcotics coming from the Thule rack. A probable cause search revealed 24 lbs of high grade marijuana inside. The key to the Thule rack was in the driver's front pocket.

On June 4, 2010, a trooper stopped a vehicle on I-15 in Iron County. During the course of the stop, the trooper became suspicious of a male driver who went to Phoenix to pick up his daughter and was now returning with her. He could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 2 lbs of marijuana. He was placed under arrest. The daughter was taken by Division of Child & Family Services (DCFS).

Fatal Crashes



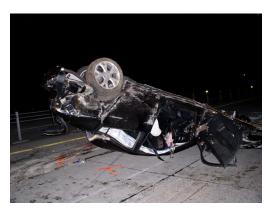


On June 7, 2010, at approximately 6:22pm, a Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Federal Officer was killed in a vehicle crash while responding to a call. This incident took place in the area of Bottle Hollow Reservoir in Uintah County. It is located on the Ute Indian Reservation approximately 4 miles East of Roosevelt, Utah and one mile South of State Road-40. Officer Joshua Yazzie, age 33, from Roosevelt, Utah was responding to assist ambulance personnel on a intoxicated individual who was becoming violent. While responding, Officer Yazzie

failed to maintain control of his 2006 Ford Crown Victoria patrol car while entering a curve in the roadway. He lost control, overcorrected and rolled the vehicle. The vehicle went off the side of the roadway down an embankment approximately 200 feet. Officer Yazzie did not have a seatbelt on and was ejected from the patrol car. He was killed instantly. The Utah Highway Patrol was asked to handle the fatal crash by the BIA.







On June 10, 2010 at 2335 hrs. a black Mazda 3I was traveling westbound on state road 189 (Provo Canyon) at mile post 11. The driver drifted off to the left side of the road, she then over corrected to the right side. The vehicle struck a cement barrier. The vehicle then rolled several times coming to rest on the hood of the vehicle. Both occupants were restrained; the driver was extricated from the vehicle by witnesses to the crash. The female passenger was able to free herself. The female driver died at the scene of the crash, due to substantial injuries

sustained in the crash. She was transported to Utah Valley Regional Medical center. The passenger, a 29 year old female was transported to Utah Valley Regional Medical Center with serious injuries, including broken bones and lacerations. She is expected to survive.

From the Field



On Saturday June 5, 2010, UHP Motors along with other motorcycle police officers from other departments participated during a ride to Wendover. A police officer from Roy Police lost control of his motorcycle on State Road 201 and 3200 West in SLC and caused another rider to lose control. A 56 yr old rider had to be flown to the hospital via Life flight. The officer was not injured. The road had to be shut down for a period of time.

On Saturday June 5, 2010, a trooper was involved in a pursuit in Salt Lake City at approximately on I-15. The trooper attempted to stop the vehicle for HOV lane violation. The driver took off and went up an alley at approximately 800 South. At 900 West and Jeremy St. the vehicle became stuck at a rail road track and the driver fled on foot. The driver was a wanted felon. The suspect's information was given to SBI for follow up.

On Sunday June 6, 2010, a trooper was involved in a pursuit in Ogden around Washington and 24th Ave. The trooper was able to end the pursuit by performing a PIT maneuver after two previous attempts had failed. The driver was wanted on five felony warrants. The suspect had a loaded syringe.

On Sunday June 6, 2010, the trooper was involved in a short pursuit in Murray on I-15 at 4500 South. The vehicle exited at 5300 South. The driver became very reckless and dangerous and the chase had to be terminated. A license plate was obtained and follow up is being conducted by investigations.

On Monday June 7, 2010, a UHP Sgt. assisted Washington County S.O. in St. George with an attempt to locate. A vehicle was called in as reckless on I-15 at milepost 27. The vehicle was located by a Deputy. The driver failed to yield. Spikes to deflate the tires were successful at mile post 11. The driver has Alzheimer and was not aware of the situation. He pulled over because he felt his tires were flat.

On Sunday June 6, 2010 members of our DPS Dive Team responded to Emery County to assist with a search of a young male who fell into the waters at Huntington Reservoir. Members of his group could not save him from drowning. A few hours later, our team was able to recover the body.

